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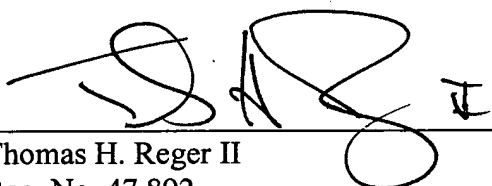
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 1, 2005, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b in duplicate, Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, and a check for \$1400 for the required fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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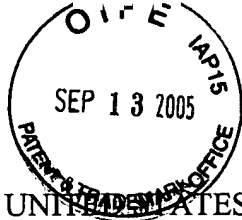
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-41 and 43-50. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Further, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

A review of the file indicated that several references provided in an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed on February 11, 2002 were not initialed. On September 1, 2005 and, as requested by the Examiner, Applicant faxed a Request for Acknowledgment of References and requested a Supplemental Notice of Allowance to provide evidence of consideration of these references. The undersigned attorney then contacted the Examiner and was informed that the Examiner had considered and initialed the cited references and a Supplemental Notice of Allowance would not be necessary. Accordingly, Applicant requests that these references be listed on the face of the patent.

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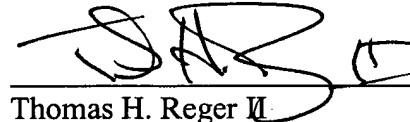
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